FELDER ACCUSED

New Dispensary Commission Swears Out Warrant For Him.

CORRUPTION CHARGED

Action Follows Resolution Passed in Session at Columbia-Requisition Papers Filed and Hearing Will be Held in June.

of Atlanta with "offering and attempting to bribe a State officer and of South Carolina was sworn our Wednesday at Newberry by B. F. Kelly, secretary of the new dispensary commission. The warrant was sworn out before J. C. Sample and was placed in the hands of Sheriff Buford of that county.

A dispatch from Atlanta says Sheriff Buford Thursday afternoon consulted Governor Brown and filed requisition for T. B. Felder. The hearing will take place before the governor on June 20. Col. Felder remains apparently indifferent to the entire proceedings and only reiterates that the governor of South Carolina is trying to cover up his own sins by directing a fight on him.

The warrant against Mr. Felder was sworn out following the adoption of the new dispensary commission: Whereas, certain information having come into our possession, which we are advised is sufficient upon which to secure a conviction.

"Be it resolved, that the secretary of this commission is hereby instructed to immediately swear out a warrant for the arrest of one Thomas B. Felder for offering and attempting to bribe a State officer of the State of South Carolina and for conspiracy to defraud the said State."

The commission has given no official statement as to the State official conference. Mr. Felder is charged with attempting to bribe. The swearing out of the warrant follows sensational counter charges on the part of Mr. Felder and the governor of South Carolina. The governor recently made public a letter purporting to have been written to H. H. Evans. former chairman of the State dispensary board of control, by T. B. Felder, offering to "frame-up" a deal for \$50,000. The letter in question was signed "T. B." This letter was secured from H. H. Evans by the governor. Just what kind of information the commission has against Mr.

Felder is not known. The commission met at Columbia Wednesday. Several weeks ago an order was issued requiring Mr. Ferder, a member of the firm of Anderson, Felder, Wilson & Roundtree of Atlanta, to come to Columbia on May 28 and tell what he knew of the acts of the governor as private citizen. State senator, and chief executive in connection with the dispensary situation. Mr. Felder did not come to Columbia Wednesday. The commission accordingly adopted the resolution directing that a warrant be sworn out against him. Mr. Felder sent a letter to the commission in which he explained his position.

The letter of Mr. Felder follows: May 26, 1911. "Mr. James Stackhouse, Chairman and Mr. B. Frank Kelly, Secretary State Dispensary Commission of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C.

"Gentlemen: "Receipt of your valued favor of the 19th instant is hereby acknowledged. I have been absent from the city for the past week or 10 days conducting some investigations on my own account anent the matter referred to in the second paragraph of the series of resolutions adopted by your commission at a meeting held in the city of Columbia on the 19th instant, a copy of which you caused to n that section in large numbers. The be transmitted to me here.

"After mature consideration. have reached the deliberate conclusion that if 'your governor' could with propriety create a commission who are 'all friends of mine and personal supporters' to investigate th members of the old commission, the attorney general of the State of South Carolina and the agents, attorneys and employes of the old commission, and to make 'a rigid investigation of all of my (Bleas's) acts as State sentor, private citizen and governor of the State.' I could with equal propriety resolve myself into a committee of one to make investi gations as to the said Blease, his allies and affiliates. I think it wil' be conceded that my jurisdiction is equally as bread as yours; that I have the same authority to subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, and to give evidence touching the premises, as you possess, and I feel that I may say, without undue arrogance that my 'findings of both law and fact' will be just as binding and carry with them the same degree of weight

and respectability as yours. that my investigations have been quite extensive, thorough, exhaustive and most satisfactory to me, and when made public will, in all human probability, disqualify for service some of those now seeking to pass official judgment upon the acts of my associates and myself. To some of you this statement may prove en-"In conclusion, permit me to say igmatical, while to others it will be

"It does not suit the convenience of my committee to meet with yours at the time and place indicated, but attorneys for the commission. The if we can mutually agree upon a different time and place, for an interchange of views, information and confidences, I feel quite safe in saying that the result will be most pleasing ness to the old commission and At-

promise to do so (for I must in these commission.

FOR DUTY ON WOOL

HOUSE DEMOCRATS AGAIN PULL TOGETHER IN CAUCUS.

Party Declare for Duty of 20 Per Cent. for Revenue Purposes, Fifty Per Cent Reduction.

A Washington dispatch says the sum and substance of the action of day night is that the Democrats in that body are keeping up their record of achieving at the extra session A warrant charging T. B. Felder the best politics the party has played

for two decades. Republican hopes of a serous Demwith conspiracy to defraud the State ocratic split are again blasted by With his wife and other mem- asked why the government, thus far the magnificent Democratic leadership in the House, the proposed Democratic revision of the wool tariff Spain. and the Underwood bill, being unanimously approved by the Democratic nesday on the steamer Ypiranga for willingness on the part of junies and causcus at midnight, twelve hours af- Haxre, France. The steamer goes courts to sentence men to prison unter it had been made public by the ways and means committee.

Through a resoluion, which leaves the Democratic party open in the fu- out when the searchlight of the fort- decided, this reluctance was well unmits all Democrats to the support of a small party in the stern, Diaz was the present bill as a revenue meas- standing somewhat apart, close to the ure, that measure was put through rail. He was plainly discernible. the caucus Thursday.

The final vote on the approval of the Underwood bill was made unanimous, but the following members were excused from a pledge to support the caucus action: Representatives Rucker, of Colorado; Ashbrooke and Francis, of Ohio; and Gray, of Indiana.

The resolution agrees on a free

stated, was due to Republican ex- nora Diaz and the other members of panies, he replied that "it has been and then hermetically sealed. travagance, which made necessary the party, received an ovation on the practically impossible to convict large revenue. Speaker Clark took walk to the ship rarely accorded to them. Now, however, we have an in- under a lighter, which was towed the floor and supported the resolu- any one in Vera Cruz and never be- terpretation of the Anti-Trust Act up- across the bow of the Maine at Moreover wi tion, which had been framed in the fore to Gen. Diaz.

TO PENITENTIARY TO-DAY.

W. T. Jones to Begin Serving Life Settence for murder.

The Penitentiary authorities were informed that W. T. Jones, the sentence for unoxicide, would reach Columbia Friday from the Union the poisoning of his wife. He will be placed in the State Pententlary than this." tenceshrdlu cmfwy vbg cfwyaxfiqak to commence the serving of his life term. Jones is not an old man, be-

vears to serve in the State prison. To-day was exactly two weeks since he Supreme Court decision was handed down. The remittitur went to positions waiting for the ship to sail. Union Monday, seven days after the to the Supreme Court and recently bade farewell to the old family ser-Governor Blease refuse to extend exeecutive clemency.

Jones Reaches Penitentiary.

farmer, convicted of wife murder, an answer was sent.

Weevils Worry Farmers.

otton planters of Clark county, Ala- Vera Cruz. Four of the number were nama, by the appearance of the boll killed in the affair. weevil which has lately been found ests have been pronounced genuine tate school at Auburn.

Hottest Day in 36 Years. Saturday was the hottest day in Iontgomery. Ala., that has been reorted in thirty-six years, the temerature reaching 90 degrees at 3 clock in the afternoon. Cotton is rowing rapidly under the tremenlous heat that has been registered or the past two weeks and the cool

Bank Divided.

The distribution of check disclosd an increase of the dividend of he bank of Toronto to 11 per cent.

natters consult and largely yield to he wishes of others more vitally incerested in the outcome of this conroversy than I can possibly be, and may add, whose views have deterred me from doing so heretofore), still if inrestrained, it will be my pleasure crisis." to deliver in the not distant future a eritable 'broadside'

"With assurances of my most disinguished consideration, I have the honor to be

"Yours very truly, "T. B. Felder. Chairman of the Anti-Blease Inves-

tigating Committee." Several matters were discussed at the meeting of the dispensary commission. The secretary announced that it has been decided to employ Holman & Holman of Charleston as

above amount for delivering a wit- other ordinances. and profitable to the people of the torney General Lyon in connection Average Yield of Potatoes in Maine. and promotive to the people of the with the graft prosecutions. It is The average yield of potatoes in northwestern Manitoba, Sunday says: young son; Gen. Amenuel Gonzales what personal, communication adalso probable that the Carolina Glass the state of Maine for the ten years Winter returned in earnest. Fire and Col. Gonzales. Lieut. Elizaga is dressed by Hon. Thomas B. Felder "While making no unconditional company case will come before the —1899 to 1908—was 171 bushels inches of snow covers the ground, a brother-in-law of Gen. Diaz. omize to do so (for I must in these commission.

SAYS GOOD-BYE

Aged and Broken Ex-Ruler Diaz Embaks for Spain.

PATHETIC SCENES

Last Words Before Leaving Country he Ruled so Long a Warning that His Methods Must Continue to Assure Peace in Republic.-Farewell

to Officers and Soldiers. General Diaz said his farewell to Mexicon Wednesday at Vera Cruz. the steamer Ypiranga, bound for

Gen. Diaz said from this port Wedby way of Havana and Gen. Diaz ultimate destination is Spain.

His ship was only a little ways ture to renew its advocacy of free ress guarding the port was turned trade in raw wool, but which com- on it. With glasses in hand, among been open to question.

> The last words of the Ex-President spoken to those left on shore were, "I shall die in Mexico." This was uttered in a tone of pro-

conviction. and his party went aboard. The raw wool tariff, but was finally voted carriages. Crowds jammed the way. definite plans. down and the revenue deriving bill Gen. Diaz, accompanied by the military commander of the port, Gen.

> With his arms filled with flowers, general lifted his bat.

County Jail. Jones has been fellow citizens," he said. "It comes information. in the jail since July, 1908, at a time when the country is against

ship were scores of friends and vis- gation of the attempt of 'bears' to directly over the mine, with her litate and expediate the same and by moved into the ship. On board the ing less than 15 years of age. He stip were scores of friends and vest gation of the attempt of bears to directly over the mine, with her way of circumventing any excuse you depress than 15 years of age. He iters to the General. The ship cap-depress cotton prices in New York keel only three or four feet above way of circumventing any excuse you has, therefore, barring future exetain took the old fighter to the or New Orleans?" Chairman Ball it, he was taken to the Machina may offer for inaction, that I will cutive elemency, probably many bridge, where the General gazed out asked. upon Mexico.

Darkness came over the harbor. ights appeared and people held their Senora Diaz, as well as her huslecision, Jones has lost on appeals hand appeared on the bridge. She Col. August Kohn Tenders Delightful vants who did not accompany the party, and was visibly affected by the

parting. Many telegrams and letters had W. T. Jones, the Union County been received by Gen. Diaz. To each

who is to serve the rest of his days | To his country, Gen. Diaz delivered 'n the State Penitentiary, was car- a warning. Speaking to the little ried there Thursday to commence group of soldiers who had served as he sentence. He has regularly a guard, the old man who governed been imprisoned at the Penitentiary Mexico for more than thirty years by lones has protested his innocence, miltary strength, declarel that the but has given up the fight in the present Government must resort to Courts, according to his own state- his methods if peace is to be restored.

The soldiers were the same men who had defended the life of the Ex-President and his family, when rebels Great anxiety has been caused the attacked the special train coming to

When Gen. Diaz stepped forward on the veranda of the house, there was a buzz of comment, but no apveevils by government experts and plause. Diaz was brief. In the name peciments have been sent to the of the army, Gen. Huerta addressed could always count on these men, "notwithstanding what every one

than tact: "It is the only portion of the coun-

try that did not go against you." He declared that he and his men and the army in general were sorry to see Gen. Diaz leave Mexico, but Hearnor of the Spartanburg Herald; that there was alro reason for grat. itude, inasmuch as the peoule would Melton, Thomas Waring of the Charbe given an opportunity to know leston Evening Post, Ambrose E. what he has done for Mexico.

Bravely Gen. Diaz began his reply. but before many minutes he was Hoyt of the Daily Record, E. H. Aull his emotion.

count on it to the last moment of elect of the association: William E. ing on Magnolia street is greatly leaving Mexico. It is the only real Gonzales, and Ed. DeCamp of the overcrowded. defence the country has and to re-es- Gaffney Ledger, were at table numtablish it will have to be used in this ber five, and at number six were times past."

he would be willing to return.

the General added:

Punish Violators.

sidered. Mr. Scruggs claims the ordinance induces contempt for all and beautiful.

PROBE TRUST MAGNATE

SAYS WICKERSHAM.

House Committee on Expenditures. Says Juries Loath to Convict.

The recent decisions of the Oil and American Tobacco Company cases will result in a convction of violaters of the antitrust law, according to Attorney General Wickersham, who appeared recently before the house committee on expenditures. Mr. Wickersham was bers of the Diaz family, he boarded failed to lodge any "trust magnates" in prison?

"We have done the best we could," he said, "but there has been an under the anti-trust law. Until the Supreme Court laid down its explanation of the law, in the cases just derstood, and the law has always

"Juries are becoming more willing now, however, to convict and judges who have been reluctant to impose prison penalties now have these decisions to sustain them."

Criminal prosecution pending against the meat packers, he added, phecy and with a look of inspired and the milk dealers, the naval stores and window glass combinations and

on which we can proceed."

and bowing right and left, the for- questioned by Mr. Ball as to the cot- lines which held the boiler were cut mer president started up the com- ton cases in New York, but he re- and it dropped into the mud. band began the Mexican national brought against those Seeking to Boynton as the person to set off the meet you at such time and place hymn. Every hat was off and Diaz elevate the prices of raw cotton rath- mine. He had been captured shortnalted at the head of the companion- er than against the spinners and the ly before while conducting a fillbustway. The guns of Fort Santiago be- "bears" who were trying to depress ering expedition for the Cubans, gan for the last time to fire a presi- future acts. Asked why actions were whom he had aided during the ten may be afforded to redress your dential salute in honor of Diaz. The it, Mr. Wickersham said the govern- years' war, and was then imprisoned grievances. Union County man given a life crowd cheered itself hoarse and the ment had believed it much easier to in Cabanas Fortress. reach the seven men controlling the "I will never forget this reception, raw cotton pool, against whom it had tried and sentenced to death, but personal satisfaction, you can insti-

the recipient of a greater ovation ed. "If the government is sustained to reveal the secret. He accepted this is my home county, then in any taken from one of the clabs." Once more cheers arose and Diaz combinations will be attacked.

replied.

LUNCHEON TO GOV. WILSON.

Reception at His Home.

The State in addition to the recepvisiting members of the Press Association the press meeting has been marked by a number of handsome affairs for the guests of honor of the week and othersfl

Friday from \$1.30 to \$3.30 o'clock August Kohn, retiring president of the State Press Association, entertained at-luncheon at his home on Gervais street in hounor of Governor

Woodrow Wilson. For the occasion two adjoining rooms were thrown together and were arranged with a succession of small tables at each of which four guests were seated. The luncheon took the form of a progressive affair

When the guests were first seated leghany county, N. C. the arrangement was as follows: At Gen. Huerta's võice broke as he table number one sat Governor Wiladded, with perhaps more frankness son, Mr. Kohn, Dr. J. W. Babcock and Robert Lathan of the News and Courier: at table number two were A H. Scats of The State, J. L. Mims of the Edgefield Advertiser, John L. Mimnaugh of Columbia and C. O. seated at the third table were W. D. Genzales of The State, and W. R. Bradley: at the fourth were James A.

B. L. Ahney of Columbia, and J. C. "I am grateful to the army," said Maco of the Marion Star, Dr. S. C. extra levy of two mills for school the Ex-President, "that I could Mitchell. H. L. Watson, president purposes. The present large build-Mayor W. H. Gibbes, W. D. Grist of

Freeman, of the Pee Dee Advocate,

Snow Falls in Manitora.

SPY REVEALS SECRET

CRIMINAL ACTIONS PLANNED, SAYS AN AMERICAN BLEW UP THE "MAINE."

Attorney General Questioned by the Plausible Story Attracts the Attention of Chief Wilkie But it is Denied by the Man's Biographer.

The United States government it Supreme Court in the Standard became known, has investigated a report to the effect that the Maine was blown up in Havana harbor by an American who had been consweeping attempt to secure criminal demned to death by the Spanish, but won his freedom by destroying the American battleship. The spy who turned the story into the Secret Service bureau at Washington, D. C., asserted that George B. Boynton, a "soldier of fortune" who died recently was the man who actually blew up the Maine. Horace Emith. biographer of Boynton, declares the story is false and that he can prove Boynton was in Venezuela at the time of the explosion.

"The Spaniards," said the informer to Chief Wilkie of the Secret Service, "were entirely unprepared for the visit of the Maine, which was sent to Havana suddenly and without warning. Consequently there was no mine attached to the buoy at which she was moored.

"Capt. Gen. Blanco and his staff did not relish having a hostile warship in such an advantageous position in the event of war with the United States, which they then regarded as at least a possibility, and it was decided to blow her up, un-It was 5 o'clock when Gen. Diaz other alleged violators of the anti- der such monditions as might make trust law, he said, would be it appear she had been destroyed by journey from the house where he followed by other prosecutions. an accidental explosion of her own had been quratered was made in He stated that the government had magazines. A large boiler from the navy yard was taken to the arsenal When asked why there had been and filled with powder. It was prono prosecutions against the heads of vided with a mechanism by which The need for a duty, the resolution Joaquain Mass, and followed by Se- the Standard Oil and tobacco com- it would be exploded by electricity

"The boiler was lashed in night. W_en the lighter was di-The atorney general was closely rectly in front of the battleship the

"The Spaniards then fixed on

was offered life and liberty if he tute suit, against me in the United "The Staute of Limitations has would press the button that was to States court in the city of Atlantawhen he was arrested charged with me. Not even a President can be not run against the others," he add-destroy the Maine, and swear never that me. Not even a President can be not run against the others," he add-destroy the Maine, and swear never this is my home county then in any in this first cotton case, the other these terms and on the night of of the subdivisions of the district. Feb. 15, 1898, when the Maine As soon as suit is filed I herby "Has there ever been an investi- swung around until her bow was promise and agree, in order to facilwharf, where he threw the switch acknowledge service and will enter "Not that I have heard of," he that caused the explosion. Then he into a recognizance with good and apwas set free and left Cuba."

Hangs Himself to Tree. When the great fire of 1909 crept up Telegraph Hill, it left a dead tree with one naked limb standing on the highest bit of ground in San Francisco. Francisco Luigi Capl Del Cation Thursday evening in honor of besa, pining for his native land Governor Woodrow Wilson and the hanged himself to this limb Monday with a red sash which he had brought from Tuscany.

> Suicides With Handkerchief. Using a handkerchief as a noose, Mrs. Minnie Wiler, aged 76, committo be "without variableness or shadted suicide in the police station at ow of turning." Philadelphia, Pa., Saturday by hanging herself from a cell bar. The

was the motive for suicide.

Killed by Deputies. Charles Young, a desperado, was by Col. Felder: killed. Young's wife was probably with each new course two of the men fatally wounded, and Deputy Sheriff at each table advancing to the one Woodruff was seriously wounded in the "mountain of evidence" in my beyond so that all were given an a pitched battle yesterday between possession I submit for your considhim, telling his old chief that he opportunity of a chat with the guest the Youngs and Deputies Woodruff eration "a few grains of ssad." In of honor, and who sat with the host. and Brown in the dountains of Al- doing so I omit the name of the ad-

> Auto Struck by Train. train struck their automobile.

Need More School Room. By a vote of 145 to 24 Greenwood

school district, including the town of having great difficulty in mastering of the Newberry Herald and News, Greenwood, voted Monday \$25,000 for additional school buildings and an

Gen. Huerta grasped his hand and Tears were rolling down the old the Yorkville Enquirer, John J. then the old fighters embraced. One man's face now, and his voice was Earle. Around the seventh table by one the minor officers moved forbroken. But he continued, assuring were Gilbert M. Berry, J. J. Watson, ward, and each was embraced by his hearers that should his country at F. N. Brunson, J. L. Sims of The Or- Gen. Diaz and told good-bye. It was any time become involved in trouble, angeburg Times and Democrat, Philover. The troops stoad at attention in D. Kohn, A. W. Knight of the for an hour in the broiling heat, but Pointing to the colors of Mexico, Bambers Herald, George L. Baker, none appeared weary. Gen. Diaz and C. C. Poe of Raleigh, formed the turned to enter the house and the "I would then place myself at the party at the eighth table, while at officers gave the command to march. head of the country's loyal forces, the ninth were Ben F. Taylor, W. F. The troops went directly to the cars and under the shadow of that flag. Caldwell of the Chester Lantern. of a special train, on which they be-I would know how to conquer as in William Banks of The State, R. L. gan their journey to the Capital. Gen. Diaz, took luncheon. boarded and Clarence E. Poe of The Progres- the Tuluna, a Government tug, which If we are not going to enforce sive Farmer. Luncheon was served carried him to the Ypiranga. With the speed limit ordinance we should in pine courses, the appointments the Ex-President were Senora Diaz, burg for about \$4,000 will be con- repeal it. Open violation of one and decorations all being elaborate the wife of the General; SenoraTeresa, the sister of Senora Diaz, and her son, Jose; Col. Porfirio Diaz, Jr.,

his wife and five children; Lieut. A dispatch from Harrowferd, and Mrs. Lorenzo Elizaga and their where an interesting, though some-

GOES FOR COLE BETTER CROP REPORTED

Col. T. B. Felder Addresses Open Letter to Governor Cole L. Blease.

LIBEL SUIT OR A DUEL

Publishes Two Interesting Letters of Blease, and Dares Him to Enter

Suit for Damages .-- Promises to Pay Attorneys Fees if He Sues and

published a most sensational open pected to be planted. letter addressed "To Cole L. Blease' and signed by Thomas B. Felder. This letter follows one of a more general character addressed to many newspapers.

Charges of the gravest nature are made against the governor of South Carolina, and he is challenged to go into the United States courts for redress. Two letters signed "Cole" alleged to have been addressed to a liquor establishment, one asking for pay for services and the other acknowledging the receipt of \$500 and expressing doubt of "Hub's' reliability in money matters, are printed. It is distinctly shocking to South, Carolinians to have S. C. 2,705,000 "coward or thief" applie to the gov ernor of this State.

While the matter ha been publish in a responsible newspapers, we do not feel warranted in reproducing the language conveying criminal charges until there is more light shed. Mr. Felder should be made to prove his chagers or else suffer the penalties for gross libel. He says in part:

If the charges I make are false, they are libelous per se, and I am

Moreover, with apologies to the shade of my departed ancestors, I in modesty (?) claim to be your equal, and if you are aggrieved by the charges, it will be my pleasure to without the confines of your State that may suit your convenience, to the end that abundant opportunity

If my charges are groundless and "According to the story, he was libelous and you do not wish to seek proved security in an amount covering the sum sued for, the fees of your counsel and the cost of court, together with your personal expenses and the expenses of your witnesses; the only condition of the bond be that you shall finally prevail in the

litigation. An investigation of this court wil disclose that it is presided over by a distiguished jurist, who, in the administration of the laws, knows neither friend nor foe, and while his decisions are occasionally reversed, that they are universally interpreted

Then follow the direct charges on siderable difficulty, she was revived. which Blease is invited to base his Ater the bites were cauterized she woman was arrested on a charge of picking pockets. Fear of disgrace suit for libel. They affect his con- went to her home. duct while senator from Newberry in dealing with persons selling supplies to the State dispensary.

I use you own language: From

Here are two letters as presented

dresse: that you failed to call upon me dur- demand to appear before "that com-While driving across the tracks of ing your recent visit to Columbia the Southern Railroad in Fort Val- and arrange the matter as promised. ley, Ga., Saturday afternoon with Spoke to Hub about it and he re-Mrs. T. C. Eberhardt, the Rev. H. ferred me to you. Have performed B. Dean, a Methodist minister of that all services as agreed, both as to matplace, was killed and his companion ters pending here and as to the last seriously injured when a freight purchases by the board. Let me hear * from you at once. Read and de-

Yours very truly,

stroy.

(Signed) This letter was written by you during a session of the legislature of the State of South Carolina, in the month of February, 1905, to the representative of a well know liquor house which has had large transactions with the State dispensary. Thereafter, on March 16, 1905, you addressed another communication to the same party, as follows:

"Dear sir: Since writing you on the 26th ultimo, saw Hub. He handed me the five hundred. Hereafter either deal directly with me or through J. F. Confidentially cannot rely on Hub in money matters Hope to see you soon and report happen-Very truly yours. ings. "Cole." (Signed)

Other charges about the methods of securing votes in the primary election last summer follow, and Felder closes in a caustic taunt to the governor of South Carolina to seek vin-

Commenting on the letter, the Atanta Constitution says editorially: The Constitution publishes else-To those who know Col. Felder case the course of the governor of tions, 87.

FOUR PER CENT MORE LAND WAS PLANTED.

Condition of Growing Crop Was 87.8 Per Cent. of Normal Score-Bear ish Report on Cotton Issued.

A Washington dispatch says the area planted to cotton this year in the United States is estimated by the crop reporting board of the department of agriculture, in the first crop report of the season, as about 104.7 per cent of the area planted last year, or 35,004,000 acres in-The Atlanta Constitution Saturday cluding that already planted and ex-

> or 1.586,000 acres, as compared with 33,418,000 acres, the revised estimate of last year's planted area. The condition of the growing crop on May 25 was 87.8 per cent of a

and 80.9, the ten-year average on W. F. Dunn, an American, at Montthat date. Details by the state of area planted

condition on May 25, follow:

Condi-N. C... 1,587,000 Georgia . . 5,199,000 Florida 284,000 106 95 Alabama 3,815,000 105 91 Mississippi. . 3,454,000 101 96 Texas 10,868,000 105 Arkansas. . 2,446,000 Tennessee .. . 882,000 Missouri .. . 115,000 112 86 Oklahoma . ..2,622,000 116 87 California. . . 12000 123 95

STUDENTS STOLE CORPSE.

Discontent of Suspension of Base ball Team Causes Trouble.

Discontent college students tied a naked corpse to the piano stool in the chapel in Alfred, N. Y., this week The affair so upset the faculty and student body that the program prepared of the last day of college

year has been postponed. For several days the students had been in a sullen mood over the suspension of the baseball team, which played a game recently at a Welsvie without having obtained per-

A raid was made on an undertaktown authorities have taken the matter up and will make arrests, and the undertaker acting for the relatives of the corpse, will -demand

punishment for the violators. BIG RAT ATTACKS WOMAN.

She Mistook Rodent for a Kitten and

Was Badly Bitten. Mistaking a big seer rat for a kitten. Mrs. Joseph Shoalter, of Pittsburg, tried to pet the rodent and had a terrible battle to keep the animal from causing her death. As she touched the animal to stroke its fur it jumped at her throat, sinking its teeth into the flesh. She tried to knock the rodent fom her, but it fought her. With a scream Mrs. they abound in such rigid integrity Shoalter fell to the street in a faint. Pedestrians rushed to her side.

> The rodent escaped into a near-by seer. Mrs. Shoalter as removed to a nearby drug store, here, after con-

Cutthroats and Assassins. A special from Atlanta to the Augusta Chronicle says T. B. Felder, when told tonight of the action taken in Newberry during the afternoon, when a warrant was sworn out for him, charging attempt to bribe H. H. Evans and conspiring to defraud the state of South Carolina, said: "Blease and his commission are a set of cutthroats and assassins." He says he "Dear sir: I am greatly surprised has no intention of replying to the

> m'ssion.' Col. Felder's triends have advised him that it would be dangerous for him to go into the state.

In reference to the report that steps will be taken to secure requisition papers for him he says he "has no fear of their requnsitions"

Lopez Put to Death.

"Red" Lopez, the Mexican revolutionist, ordered imprisoned by Francisco I. Madero, Jr., on the charge that he had "sold out" to American interests while in command of a section of the insurrecto garrison at Augua Prieto, has been put to death. Lopez was being carried to Camanea to serve an eight-year sentence imposed by a court martial.

and who are informed as to the chacs existing in the political affairs of South Carolina, it is scarcely nec-South Carolina has, to say the least gro hanged him to a tree on the essary to say that the governor of of it, taken a circuitous route to attack Mr. Felder, his allegation, as mysterious and misty as it is, relating to an event of seven years ago. If there had been anything in the governor's position, he was recreant in his duty in not having given the resort. The dead were occupants of people of his State the benefit of an adjoining lodging house from his information before now, when he which escape was cut off by the suddenly springs an attack on Col. flames. Many were injured in trying Felder in a general fusillade in to escape. The loss is \$250,000. which he assaults at the same time many prominent citizens of South

Gov. Blease seems to have a way knows Col. Felder will doubt.

Would Overthrow the Government and Start New Revolution

AMONG THE MEXICANS

Two of the Rebel Leaders Promised to Desert Madero Until They Got All the Secrets of the Men Planing the Camp and Then They Told About It.

Revelations of a plot to start another revolution in Mexico after; ov-This is an increase of 4.7 per cent erthrowing the leadership of Francisco I. Madero, Jr., and preventing his journey to Mexico City, created intense excitement throughout the

insurrecto army Monday. The plot, which resulted Sunday normal condition as compared with night in the arrest of Daniel De VII-80.2 per cent, that day last year, liers of Mexico City, at El Paso, and erey, Mexico, is said to include among its leaders three-insurrecto in 1911, per cent of 1910, area and chiefs operating in the State of Coa-

huila. A telegram from Monterey states Acres: Per ct. tion that Dunn, on Madero's orders, has Virginia .. . 37,000 109 93 been placed in communicado for 72 105 93 hours. De Villiers is held in the El 103 80 Paso jail on charges of "conspiracy 103 92 to murder Francisco I. Madero, Jr. According to Gen. Benjamin Villjoen, the Boer veteran, who is Madero's chief military adviser, the Louisiana . . . 1,118,000 104 91 scheme was that Villicen and Gen-88 Orozco were to desert Madero; and 103 87 start a new revolutionary movement 105 83 which would be joined by certain insurrecto leaders now in the field, together with a federal general known to be friendly to the "Cientifico"

It was represented to him, Gen. Villjoen says, that great quantities of arms and ammunition-were stored in the mines of Coahuila in anticipation of the new outbreak and that success was assured as "Madero

would never reach Mexico City." Behind the arrest of the two alleged conspirators is the story of several weeks of conferences and the exchange of many telegrams. Soon after the battle of Juarez, Gen. Villjoen received a telegram from Mex-

ico City, saying: "The government wants to make a proposition." The telegram was signed "Villi-

ers." Madero was informed of the telegram and it was decided to give every encouragement to those be-"was open to receive propositions." This was followed by a telegram from Villiers, instructing Villioen. "to watch the rebel chief, note by what route he comes and when he leaves. Make friends with Orozco.

There is a fortune in sight for us." Shortly after this two men appeared in El Paso and secretly met Villjoen and Orozco, who professed their willingness to enter the plot. Villjoen declares he was to receive \$25,000 and Orozco a like amount. Money was given them for current expenses, Villjoen receiving \$480 and Orozco \$200. Dunn, who was one of the pair, Villjoen asserts, translated to them a cipher message which read:

"Last message at hand. Rosen working fast for change of federal city. Do not worry about financial end of which will take care. Would advise direct action Diaz at earlytime. Be very careful. Continue advising and act as you think best Mexico City man says agent Figueroa brothers coming you from south.

"Adolfo?" The message, it was explained, came from the agent of the conspiracy at Mexico City. The reference to Diaz was not explained by Gen. Vill-

Agreement having been reached with Villjoen and Orozco, Dunn started for Meyico City, followed by a private detective with instructions to arrest him on Mexican soil. The arrest was made at Monterey Sunday night. Telegrams from there declared that "important papers" had been found on the prisoner.

Bend, Ind., heroine in a terrible forest fire at Spooner, Minn., a year ago, this week, became the bride of Fred Cheek, of Spooner, one of the hundreds she saved. Miss Tripp resided at Spooner, and at the time of the fire was on duty as operator in

a telephone exchange. She remained

at her post until the fire had burn-

ed over half of the town, when she

finally fled for her life.

Forest Fire Heroine a Bride.

Miss Bernice Tripp, of South

Hanged for Usual Crime. Pat Crump, a negro, who it is

charged, attempted to assault the wife of a planter at White Haven, Tenn., Thursday, was hanged by a mob late that night. Crump was captured by a sheriff's posse and was being brought to the county prison at Memphis for safe keeping. Just outside the city limits the mob overtook the posse and securing the ne-

Several Persons Perish. At San Francisco, Cal., ten men perished in a fire destroying "The

Chutes," the city's largest amusement Executive Clemency.

Since assuming the duties of chief executive of the state of South Caro-

of running amuck, and that he has lina on January 17th, Governor done so in this instance no one who Blease has granted executive clemknows Col. Felder will doubt.

The State con notfi of course, fore-rates, 84; pardons and commute-